

***Amendments to the Claims***

1. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting death of a neuronal cell in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal a composition comprising ~~a steroid compound a~~ (17 $\alpha$ )-17-Hydroxy-19-norpregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one and 17a-(acetyloxy)-6-methylpregna-4,6-diene-3,20-dione compound wherein said composition is administered at a dose sufficient to inhibit oxidative stress-induced neuronal cell death or inhibit apoptotic death of said neuronal cell.

2.-7. (canceled)

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said mammal is suffering from or at risk of developing a neurodegenerative disorder.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said neurodegenerative disorder is selected from the group consisting of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease and Parkinson's disease.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said mammal is suffering from or at risk of developing a neurological disorder.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said neurological disorder is selected from the group consisting of diabetic neuropathy, cerebral hypoxia, encephalitis and menengitis.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said mammal is at risk of experiencing a stroke or has suffered a stroke.

13.-151. (canceled)